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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, BU (MARINOV, STEFAN)
SUBJECT: MARINOV INCIDENT

REF: A) SOFIA 0089; B) STATE 013665

1. MARINOV CALLED AT EMBASSY JAN 19 (PRIOR RECEIPT REF B),
AND WAS GIVEN LIST OF REQUIREMENTS (PER 2 FAM 281) FOR FILING
CLAIM. CONSUL INFORMED MARINOV THAT SINCE TWO-YEAR STATUTE OF
LIMITATIONS HAD ALREADY PASSED, IT WAS MOST UNLIKELY THAT A
CLAIM COULD BE SUCCESSFULLY PURSUED.

2. AFTER READING LIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, MARINOV
STATED HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL REPORTS SINCE
THESE HAD BEEN REFUSED HIM PREVIOUSLY BY GOB MEDICAL AUTHORI-
TIES. HE COULD PROVIDE ONLY HIS OWN STATEMENT OF INCIDENT
AND INJURIES. CONSUL POINTED OUT THIS WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT.
MARINOV THEN SAID (AS HE HAD IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH
CONSUL) THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ABANDON THOUGHT OF FILING
CLAIM IF HE COULD RECEIVE FROM EMBASSY A LETTER STATING THAT
IN OUR VIEW HE HAD NO VALID CLAIM AGAINST USG.

3. MARINOV, IN ABOVE INTERVIEW, WAS QUITE LUCID AND HIS
ATTITUDE WAS FRIENDLY. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE NEEDS MONEY
TO HAVE BOOK ABOUT HIS SCIENTIFIC THEORIES PUBLISHED IN
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US (EVEN ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY WOULD BE WILLING TO LOAN
MONEY TO HIM ON HIS PERSONAL NOTE -- AND OF COURSE WAS
TOLD THIS IMPOSSIBLE).

4. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT MARINOV WILL SUBMIT AN ADDI-
TIONAL WRITTEN STATEMENT, BUT THAT THIS SUBMISSION WILL
NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DOCUMENTATION CITED IN 2 FAM 281

AND THUS WILL NOT, FORMALLY, CONSTITUTE A CLAIM. HE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO SEEK LETTER FROM EMBASSY SAYING HE HAS NO VALID CLAIM. HE HAS NOT YET EXPLAINED WITH ANY CLARITY WHY HE WISHES SUCH A LETTER.

5. IF MARINOV DOES SUBMIT ANOTHER STATEMENT, IT SEEMS TO US EMBASSY COULD REPLY WITH A LETTER STATING DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY FOR EMBASSY TO INVESTIGATE HIS CLAIM (PER 2 FAM 281) HAS NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED AND THEREFORE EMBASSY CAN TAKE NO ACTION. LETTER COULD ALSO GO ON TO SAY THAT FACTS HE HAS STATED ARE AT VARIANCE WITH OTHER INFORMATION EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED AND THAT IN ANY EVENT, SINCE TWO YEAR PERIOD HAS ALREADY ELAPSED, CLAIM COULD NOT BE SUCCESSFULLY PURSUED.

6. FOREGOING PROCEDURE WOULD SEEM TO US TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF REF B, BUT THERE WOULD STILL BE POSSIBILITY THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE HIS GRIEVANCE TO THE PRESS. WE MUST ALSO CONFESS TO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY FOR MARINOV WHO HAS NOT BEEN GENTLY HANDLED BY GOB NOR PERHAPS EVEN BY FORMER MEMBERS OF THIS EMBASSY. REQUEST FURTHER DEPT VIEWS.

7. SEPTEL PROMISED REF B NOT YET RECEIVED.
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